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***In Re: W. R. Grace & Co., et al.***  
**(U.S. Bankr. Ct., Dist. of Delaware, Case No. 01-1139)**  
**March 24, 2008**

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AFNE = Assume Fact Not in  
Evidence  
AO = Attorney Objection  
BE = Best Evidence  
Cum. = Cumulative  
Ctr = Counter Designation  
Ctr-Ctr = Counter-Counter  
ET = Expert Testimony  
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408 = Violation of FRE 408  
H = Hearsay  
IH = Incomplete Hypothetical

L = Leading  
LA = Legal Argument  
LC = Legal Conclusion  
LPK = Lacks Personal Knowledge  
LO = Seeking Legal Opinion  
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R = Relevance  
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1 this afternoon.

2 MR. McMILLAN: Your Honor, we would like to call  
3 Peter Lees to the stand.

4 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

5 PETER LEES, DEBTORS' WITNESS, SWORN

6 THE CLERK: Make sure you speak into the microphone.

7 VOIR DIRE

8 BY MR. McMILLAN:

9 Q Dr. Lees, can you please state your name for the record?

10 A Yes, my name is Peter Lees. That's spelled L-e-e-s.

11 Q Dr. Lees, what is your occupation?

12 A I am a Professor of Environmental Health Science at the  
13 Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, in  
14 Baltimore, Maryland.

15 Q In broad terms what have you been asked to testify about  
16 today?

17 A I've been asked to summarize my study of retrospective  
18 exposure assessment of persons who worked with Grace products  
19 and what their potential exposures were.

20 Q Have you prepared any graphics in anticipation of  
21 testifying today?

22 A Yes, I have.

23 Q Would it assist you in your presentation today to use  
24 those graphics?

25 A Yes.

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1 MR. McMILLAN: Could I see GG-2193, please?

2 Q Dr. Lees, could you please tell us about your educational  
3 background?

4 UNIDENTIFIED ATTORNEY: Scott, are we going to get a  
5 copy of the graphics?

6 MR. McMILLAN: They should be in the binder.

7 UNIDENTIFIED ATTORNEY: In the binder? Okay.

8 A Okay. I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question?

9 Q Sure. Could you please tell us about your educational  
10 background?

11 A Okay. Sure. I have a bachelors of science in biology  
12 from the College of William and Mary in 1972, and then in 1986  
13 I received a PhD, a doctorate, in environmental health  
14 sciences, in particular industrial hygiene, from the Johns  
15 Hopkins University.

16 Q After you --

17 UNIDENTIFIED ATTORNEY: Excuse me, Scott. Excuse me,  
18 Your Honor. Could you ask the witness to raise his voice?  
19 We're having a hard time hearing.

20 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

21 MR. McMILLAN: Can you --

22 THE CLERK: I can't turn it up.

23 THE WITNESS: I'll -- I'll move a --

24 MR. McMILLAN: Can you pull it towards you a little  
25 more?

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1 THE WITNESS: It's one of these battles that I have  
2 to be close to the microphone, but I can't read the screen.

3 (Laughter)

4 MR. BERNICK: They would prefer that you not be able  
5 to --

6 (Laughter)

7 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'll try to speak up.

8 BY MR. McMILLAN:

9 Q Dr. Lees, after you've received your undergraduate degree,  
10 where did you go to work?

11 A Okay. Upon graduation from William and Mary I went to  
12 work for an environmental consulting firm in Boston,  
13 Massachusetts.

14 Q And what did you do there?

15 A I was their first hire in a new division or department  
16 that investigated or worked with industrial hygiene problems  
17 and air pollution problems. Remember, this is 1972 right after  
18 OSHA and EPA came into existence.

19 Q And how long did you work there?

20 A For a little bit more than five years.

21 Q At that point did you decide to go back to graduate  
22 school?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Why did you make that decision?

25 A Well, with a bachelors degree in biology I essentially

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1 learned industrial hygiene on the job at this consulting  
2 company, and I reached a point in my career where I was being  
3 called upon to make decisions that I really didn't think that I  
4 had the basis -- the scientific basis to make a good decision.  
5 So at that point I decided to go back to school to essentially  
6 figure out what I was doing.

7 Q And when you went back to school to receive your PhD, what  
8 was your PhD in?

9 A Well, actually, I originally went back to school to get a  
10 masters degree but rapidly transitioned into the doctoral  
11 program, and I received that degree, and that was in  
12 environmental health sciences with a specialization in  
13 industrial hygiene.

14 Q What was your PhD thesis about?

15 A It had to do with an elucidation of the factors that  
16 determined exposure to PCBs in a group of workers who were  
17 repairing transformers.

18 Q And for how long of a period have you been a practicing  
19 industrial hygienist?

20 A I've been practicing since 1972 really at -- obviously at  
21 different degrees of expertise.

22 Q Let's talk about a couple of the positions that you've  
23 held. First of all, could you tell us what position you held  
24 for the State of Maryland?

25 A Okay. I was the Executive Assistant Commissioner of the

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1 Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Program, which is the  
2 state OSHA program.

3 Q What did you do in that role?

4 A As Executive Assistant Commissioner, I was primarily  
5 responsible for upgrading the technical and scientific  
6 abilities of the industrial hygiene inspector's staff to assure  
7 the high quality inspections.

8 Q Okay. What is your current position at Johns Hopkins?

9 A I -- as I stated, I'm Professor of Environmental Health  
10 Sciences at the School of Public Health.

11 Q Have you been on the faculty since you got your PhD at  
12 Hopkins?

13 A Since January 1, 1986, yes.

14 Q Do you have current teaching responsibilities at Hopkins?

15 A I do.

16 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2194?

17 A Okay.

18 Q In which school do you teach?

19 A It's in the School of Public Health.

20 Q And in terms of schools of public health in the United  
21 States, is Hopkins one of the more respected schools?

22 A You're probably asking a biased person, but yes, it's the  
23 largest, the oldest. It's been ranked number one by U.S. News  
24 and World Report since they started ranking schools of public  
25 health.

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1 Q What are the courses that you teach at Hopkins?

2 A Well, actually, coincidentally, today is the first day of  
3 the fourth term, and this morning I was supposed to teach  
4 occupational health, but --

5 Q You had other invitations.

6 A -- I'm sure my students send their thanks. But I teach  
7 occupational health. I teach a course entitled Principles of  
8 Industrial Hygiene, another one, Industrial Hygiene Laboratory.  
9 These are all under the Department of Environmental Health  
10 Sciences. And in addition I teach in -- two courses in the  
11 Department of Epidemiology, one course entitled Occupational  
12 Epidemiology and the other one Environmental Epidemiology.

13 Q Now in the course of teaching your students, do you teach  
14 them how to conduct exposure assessments?

15 A You know, I think it's fair to say that as a part of every  
16 one of those courses that I just named there is -- in one  
17 aspect or another there is an aspect of exposure assessment,  
18 yes.

19 Q What about how to use industrial hygiene data for  
20 epidemiologic studies? Is that something that you are teaching  
21 students?

22 THE COURT: Wait. I'm sorry. Can you hold on just  
23 one second, please?

24 (Pause)

25 THE COURT: I apologize. Could you repeat that for

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1 me, please, your last question?

2 MR. McMILLAN: The one that he answered, or the one I  
3 was just starting?

4 THE COURT: The one you were just starting?

5 BY MR. McMILLAN:

6 Q Do you teach your students how to use industrial hygiene  
7 data in the course of conducting epidemiologic studies?

8 A Yes, that's my primary role in these two courses in the  
9 Department of Epidemiology.

10 Q Besides teaching students, what other responsibilities do  
11 you have at Hopkins?

12 A Well, I advise students, both doctoral and -- masters and  
13 doctoral students. I perform research and, of course, any  
14 academic institution, I serve on numerous committees.

15 Q Now, the courses that you listed here a minute ago, are  
16 you teaching undergraduate or graduate students in those  
17 courses?

18 A These are all graduate level courses. I teach masters  
19 students, doctoral students, and, in addition, physicians who  
20 are in their occupational medicine residency programs.

21 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2195?

22 Q Dr. Lees, are you a certified industrial hygienist?

23 A Yes, I am.

24 Q What does that mean?

25 A Well, the certification -- CIH, certified industrial

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- 1 hygienist, is a designation conferred by a professional  
2 accrediting body, and it basically means that I have fulfilled  
3 certain educational requirements, experience requirements, and  
4 have passed a written test.
- 5 Q What is the board or body that certifies industrial  
6 hygienists?
- 7 A It's the American Board of Industrial Hygiene oversees  
8 this entire process.
- 9 Q Have you been a member of the American Board of Industrial  
10 Hygiene?
- 11 A Actually, just two weeks ago I came off a five-year term  
12 on the Board.
- 13 Q How many members are there of the Board?
- 14 A Just 12.
- 15 Q How did you come to become a member of the Board?
- 16 A I was nominated by another organization, the American  
17 Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, and then  
18 through an election process I became a member of the Board.
- 19 Q Are there other professional organizations of which you  
20 are a member?
- 21 A Sure. There are numerous ones, and they're listed in this  
22 graphic. I can read them if you wish.
- 23 Q Well, why don't you tell me are there any of those  
24 organizations on which you have served on committees or in a  
25 leadership role?

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1 A Okay. Well, the American Board of Industrial Hygiene,  
2 obviously, you know, on the Board is a leadership role. The  
3 American Industrial Hygiene Association, for many years I've  
4 been a member of the Occupational Epidemiology Committee, and  
5 in addition, I've recently been named the -- let's see if I can  
6 get this right. It's so new -- the Chair of the Scientific  
7 Committee on Industrial Hygiene of the International Commission  
8 on Occupational Health. And then in these -- most of these  
9 other organizations I have served as a peer reviewer for their  
10 respective journals.

11 Q Does a portion of your professional work for these  
12 organizations relate to exposure assessments?

13 A I think it would be fair to say for -- with the exception  
14 of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, which is really an  
15 administrative sort of position, in one way or another exposure  
16 assessment is a part of all of these activities, yes.

17 Q Does a portion of your professional work for these  
18 organizations relate to the appropriate use of industrial  
19 hygiene data in epidemiologic studies?

20 A Well, certainly, the Occupational Epidemiology Committee  
21 of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, yes. In  
22 addition, the ICOH, the International Commission on  
23 Occupational Health, we work -- my committee works very closely  
24 with another committee that is -- focuses on occupational  
25 epidemiology.

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- 1 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2196?
- 2 Q In your work as an industrial hygienist have you also
- 3 engaged in research?
- 4 A Certainly, that's a major activity at Johns Hopkins.
- 5 Q Has your research related in part to exposure assessments?
- 6 A It's probably fair to say that 95 plus percent of all my
- 7 professional activities relate in one way or another to
- 8 exposure assessment.
- 9 Q Have you written articles that have been published in the
- 10 peer reviewed literature relating to exposure assessments?
- 11 A Sure, yes.
- 12 Q Approximately how many exposure assessments have you
- 13 published?
- 14 A In the peer-reviewed literature and other reports it's
- 15 probably in excess of 100 at this point.
- 16 Q For what substances have you published exposure
- 17 assessments?
- 18 A Well, it's many, many substances, asbestos, manmade
- 19 mineral fibers, certain metals, in particular lead, solvents,
- 20 styrene, PCBs, which -- chromium. Those are the ones that come
- 21 to mind.
- 22 Q Have you ever been asked to perform an exposure assessment
- 23 for the U.S. government?
- 24 A Yes, I have.
- 25 Q What did you do?

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1 Q I was asked by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as  
2 a part of their ruminations, if you will, on revising their  
3 chromium standards to conduct a retrospective exposure  
4 assessment of a group of workers who were exposed to hexavalent  
5 chromium, and this exposure assessment fed into a -- or it was  
6 a part of a larger epidemiologic study to assess risk. That  
7 study was ultimately used as one of the studies used by OSHA in  
8 their revised exposure standard for chromium which was issued  
9 2004ish.

10 Q Have you recently been asked to look at that again or to  
11 update the work you did previously?

12 A That study was completed. It was published in I believe  
13 2000, and I currently have a contract with EPA to update that  
14 study.

15 Q Within the field of industrial hygiene, do you have an  
16 area in which you would say that you have specialized?

17 A Oh, yes, I specialize in exposure assessment and in  
18 particular retrospective exposure assessment as a part of  
19 epidemiologic studies.

20 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2197, please?

21 Q Have you done any exposure assessments or exposure work  
22 that is specifically related to asbestos?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Could you tell us about that?

25 A Okay. Well, actually, it starts from my -- some of my

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1 earliest days at the consulting company in Boston in which I  
2 did surveys in various workplaces that manufactured products  
3 that had an asbestos component. One I can think of most  
4 prominently was a vinyl asbestos tile manufacturing facility.  
5 So I did a number of those in the early and mid-1970s.

6 When I went to Hopkins, I became involved in exposure  
7 assessment related to asbestos in building materials, and let's  
8 see. What else? I've done some work for several utilities  
9 related to the removal of asbestos-containing pipe wrap from  
10 gas pipes. Actually, as a part of these proceedings here, I  
11 conducted an exposure assessment of -- for people working with  
12 vermiculite attic insulation. That was completed in 2002/2003  
13 and submitted to this Court.

14 Q Had you had any teaching responsibilities relating to  
15 asbestos?

16 A Well, you know, as a part of Principles of Industrial  
17 Hygiene course, as a part of the Industrial Hygiene Laboratory  
18 course, you know, asbestos is a part of that teaching. In  
19 addition, I have -- I taught for probably eight or ten years at  
20 the OSHA Training Institute in Chicago. This is the training  
21 institute -- the school that OSHA runs to teach new inspectors  
22 how to do their job. I work with the laborers union on  
23 asbestos training, a number of things. Yes.

24 Q Have you worked on any asbestos abatement projects?

25 A I have. Again, this was part of my -- during my doctorate

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1 work I actually also worked for Johns Hopkins University in a  
2 research capacity, and we had a contract with the U.S. General  
3 Services Administration for the national capital region, so  
4 this is the government's landlord for basically inside the  
5 beltway in Washington, D.C. And the -- and this is in the  
6 early 1980s when EPA came out with their new regulations for  
7 asbestos removal, and we helped, assisted, guided them in  
8 getting up to speed, if you will, with those regulations, and  
9 as a part of that, you know, I had worked hands on designing  
10 and overseeing several -- a couple asbestos removals from  
11 government buildings.

12 Q In the course of your work with asbestos exposure  
13 assessments or abatement work have you personally been involved  
14 in sampling for asbestos?

15 A I have collected who knows how many thousand samples as a  
16 part of this effort, yes.

17 MR. McMILLAN: Your Honor, I would move to qualify  
18 Dr. Lees as an expert in the field of industrial hygiene.

19 MR. RASMUSSEN: No objection, Your Honor.

20 UNIDENTIFIED ATTORNEY: No objection.

21 THE COURT: All right. He's qualified to express an  
22 expert opinion in the field of industrial hygiene.

23 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2198, please?

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. McMILLAN:

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1 Q Dr. Lees, could you tell us what is industrial hygiene?

2 A Okay. Industrial hygiene is the science that seeks to  
3 understand and quantify exposures of workers to toxic or  
4 potentially toxic substances, and then depending upon what the  
5 findings are of that evaluation, if appropriate, to recommend  
6 design or implement some kind of a control to reduce exposure.  
7 And the overall purpose of the field or of the science is to  
8 reduce or eliminate occupational disease through control of  
9 occupational exposures.

10 Q Is the identification and evaluation of the exposures one  
11 of the core functions of the industrial hygienist?

12 A Yes, I would -- in my evaluation that is the heart of  
13 industrial hygiene.

14 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2199?

15 Q Dr. Lees, can you tell us when the field of industrial  
16 hygiene first came into being?

17 A Well, it certainly -- it has its roots in ancient Greece  
18 where people who -- minors who worked in dusty environments, in  
19 particular, people who worked in lead mines, became ill, and  
20 some bright guy made the association between exposure to the  
21 dust and their illness, and at that time they devised -- you  
22 know, it was not much more than a rag over your face, but it  
23 was a crude respirator to reduce exposure. But, you know, the  
24 real science having to do with exposure and occupational  
25 disease developed in 18th century Europe where there was, you

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Libby 1 know, a more rigorous scientific approach to this field, and as  
2 a part of that was clearly establishing the relationships  
3 between exposure and occupational diseases.

4 Q When did the U.S. government begin to utilize or study  
5 industrial hygiene principles?

6 A Okay. Well, the whole field of occupational health, and,  
7 in particular, industrial hygiene, was a little slow getting  
8 off the ground in this country, and it was in the early part of  
9 the 20th century -- excuse me. In the early part of the 20th  
10 century the U.S. Bureau of Mines was founded, and one of the  
11 reasons it was founded was to reduce or eliminate safety and  
12 health problems associated with mining. And also a couple  
13 years later, in 1914, the U.S. Public Health Service founded or  
14 began their Office of Industrial Hygiene to examine  
15 occupational diseases resulting from exposures in industry.

16 Q When did the U.S. government begin to start regulating  
17 mines and industry using industrial hygiene principles?

18 A Okay. These two organizations that I just talked about  
19 were really research and advisory. They had a research and  
20 advisory role. The regulatory part of the occupational  
21 industrial hygiene field began for the mine -- for mines in  
22 1968 with the formation of the Mine Safety and Health  
23 Administration, and then in 1970 when OSHA, the Occupational  
24 Safety and Health Administration, was formed.

25 Q And do MSHA and OSHA employ industrial hygiene principles

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1 in setting regulations for the workplace?

2 A Oh, yes, absolutely.

3 Q Now, I think you mentioned earlier that evaluating the  
4 workers' exposure is an important part of being an industrial  
5 hygienist. Right?

6 A Yes, it's an essential tool. It's a core tool of the  
7 profession.

8 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2200?

9 Q Could you briefly tell us how an industrial hygienist  
10 measures a worker's exposure or how you would go about doing  
11 that?

12 A Okay. Well, this is actually the subject of several  
13 lectures I give in the Principles of Industrial Hygiene course,  
14 but I'll give you the much abbreviated version. The process  
15 begins with a definition of the question that you're asking and  
16 then devising an appropriate what we call sampling strategy to  
17 answer that question. And by sampling strategy, I mean who are  
18 we going to sample, when are we going to sample, what in terms  
19 of substances are we going to sample, when. I think I might  
20 have already said that. So the who, what, when, where kinds of  
21 questions define the strategy.

22 The next step is the actual collection of a physical  
23 air sample using an air pump that draws air through a  
24 collection device that separates the contaminant from the air.  
25 The -- in the case of asbestos fiber, that collection --

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1 asbestos exposure, that device is a -- essentially a filter  
2 paper which is then taken to the laboratory and analyzed under  
3 a microscope. The results of the analysis are then used to  
4 calculate a concentration -- an air concentration of asbestos  
5 fibers, and that number or those numbers or that data are  
6 evaluated, and based on that data, some decision is made. We  
7 have a problem, we don't have a problem, and then maybe  
8 recommendations, we need to institute controls, would be  
9 instituted.

10 MR. McMILLAN: That's what we want to talk about Dr.  
11 Lees. If we could look at GG-2201.

12 Q What are the various reasons why you would be devising  
13 your sampling plan or why you would be going out and obtaining  
14 or constructing the industrial hygiene data?

15 A Well, as I maybe intimated, there are many, many different  
16 reasons that one would collect an air sample to estimate the  
17 concentration of a contaminant in the air. Probably the  
18 primary one in this country at this time is to determine  
19 compliance with OSHA standards which specify that you can't be  
20 exposed -- workers can't be exposed above a certain  
21 concentration. But in addition, air sampling would be used,  
22 for instance, to specify the appropriate type of personal  
23 protective equipment. That is that different types of  
24 respirators are required according to the concentration of the  
25 contaminate. Air sampling could be used to specify what sort

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1 of a ventilation system would be required. In addition,  
2 industrial hygiene data are used as a part of exposure  
3 construction or reconstruction for epidemiologic studies or for  
4 risk assessment studies.

5 Q Now, Dr. Lees, the purpose for which you are going to be  
6 using the industrial hygiene data, does that affect how you  
7 design your sampling strategy and how you report the industrial  
8 hygiene data?

9 A It affects both, yes.

10 MR. McMILLAN: Could we see GG-2202, please?

11 Q Could you explain to us how the purpose of an industrial  
12 hygiene study affects how you report the data for that study?

13 A Well, that's probably easily -- I'll try that one again --  
14 most easily described through a couple of examples. For  
15 instance, if the question is are these workers in compliance  
16 with a OSHA standard -- I designed my strategy to measure the  
17 exposure of what I think is the most highly exposed worker or  
18 workers, and then my determination of compliance or not is  
19 based on the highest, the maximum value. Okay? Whereas, on  
20 the other hand, for an epidemiologic study it's not the maximum  
21 value, but it's the average value of -- for the exposure is the  
22 appropriate input to a epidemiologic study. So the different  
23 reasons have different ways of reporting the data.

24 Q You said a moment ago that for an epidemiologic study what  
25 you report is the average exposure. Can you explain why for an

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1 epidemiologic study you would be reporting the average?

2 A And when I say epidemiologic study, I mean epidemiologic  
3 studies of chronic diseases. Okay? And the reason that we use  
4 the average is, because the input to an epidemiologic study of  
5 chronic diseases is the cumulative exposure, which is the  
6 average concentration -- air concentration times the frequency  
7 that the person was exposed to that concentration times the  
8 duration, how many days or years or months or years the person  
9 was exposed.

10 Q And is it appropriate when you're looking at exposures  
11 over the long term to use the average?

12 A Yes. Yes. Worker exposures vary. One day they're high.  
13 One day they're low. But over time the highs and the lows  
14 balance each other out, and so they will center about in the  
15 long term some average exposure, and it's that value that is --  
16 goes forward into the calculation of cumulative exposure.

17 Q Now, when you report your exposures for an epidemiologic  
18 study, do you typically report things like the confidence  
19 interval or the standard deviation along with the average that  
20 you're reporting?

21 A No, that wouldn't be necessary as only the average  
22 concentration is what would go forward into this calculation of  
23 cumulative exposure.

24 MR. McMILLAN: Dr. Lees, I want to talk a little bit  
25 about -- you mentioned a minute ago variability in exposures,

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1 and I want to focus on that for a minute. Can I see GG-2203,  
2 please?

3 Q Dr. Lees, this is an excerpt from an article by Dr. Irving  
4 Selikoff, and I just want to ask you to comment on what he's  
5 saying here. Dr. Selikoff says that, "The different  
6 occupations vary widely in important respects in intimacy,  
7 intensity, and duration of exposure, in variety and grade of  
8 asbestos used, in working conditions, in concomitant exposure  
9 to other dusts or inhalants." Can you explain what Selikoff is  
10 describing here?

11 A Yes, well, what he's saying is that essentially all  
12 asbestos exposures -- there is no such thing as asbestos  
13 exposure period. And, in fact, they're depending on industry,  
14 on job, on products used. There is -- you can't paint exposure  
15 with one broad brush. All of these different considerations go  
16 into ending up with different exposures for different people,  
17 if you will.

18 Q So as an industrial hygienist, when you are asked to  
19 characterize exposures or to categorize exposures, what does  
20 that mean you have to do?

21 A Well, you have to specify as narrowly or as closely as  
22 possible all of the considerations -- the variables, if you  
23 will, that affect exposure.

24 MR. McMILLAN: Can we look at GG-2204?

25 Q Can you tell us -- you said you have to look at all the

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1 factors. Can you tell us what the key factors that you  
2 consider when you are doing an individual asbestos exposure  
3 assessment?

4 A Okay. Well, starting -- you know, starting from the  
5 100,000 foot level, very broadly, there were thousands of uses  
6 of asbestos in the last century, and -- but it -- so in order  
7 to narrow this down from all asbestos exposures, the next step  
8 would be to look at what industry -- determine what industry  
9 we're talking about, because different industries describe  
10 different sorts of exposures. Then within an industry further  
11 narrow down to a job title, because within an industry  
12 different people do different things, and they have different  
13 exposures, and then narrowing down further beyond that. And  
14 this is particularly true of the construction industry. Even  
15 people with the same job title may work with different  
16 materials that have different asbestos exposures associated  
17 with them, so we narrow down.

18 MR. McMILLAN: Okay. Well, I think the first one you  
19 mentioned is industry. I want to talk about that one first.  
20 If you could show GG-2205?

21 Q Dr. Lees, can you explain to us what this graph shows?

22 A Yes, these are data. The warm-colored bars to the right  
23 of the slide are taken from EPA's 1986 asbestos risk  
24 assessment, and what they do is they present average exposures  
25 for four different industries there. So you can see that in

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1 the -- for cement factory workers the average exposure was five  
2 fibers per cubic centimeter, whereas, for amosite factory  
3 workers it was a factor of four higher, and the average  
4 exposure was 35 fibers per cubic centimeter.

5 Q Now, are these industry wide average exposures?

6 A Yes.

7 Q I see on the left a blue and a green column that refer to  
8 Nicholson's Construction Traits. Where do the Nicholson  
9 numbers come from?

10 A These numbers come from Nichols -- William Nicholson's  
11 1982 paper in which he estimated or predicted or calculated  
12 future disease from asbestos exposure, and these are the  
13 exposures -- the construction industry exposures that he  
14 presents in that paper.

15 Q Now, for the majority of the W.R. Grace products that  
16 contained added chrysotile asbestos, what industry category  
17 would they fit into?

18 A They were within the construction industry category.

19 Q And with the information that you've presented here, which  
20 is an industry wide average, is that enough information to  
21 predict any individual worker's exposure?

22 A Again, no.

23 Q Why not?

24 A Well, within a broad industry category, as I said, there  
25 are many, many different jobs, many with different tasks that



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- 1 have different exposures associated with them.
- 2 MR. McMILLAN: Well, let's talk about the jobs next.
- 3 Can we see GG-2206, please?
- 4 Q Now, you see this is an excerpt of a study by Corbett
- 5 McDonald in 1983. Do you recognize this, Dr. Lees?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Could you tell us what he was studying in this study?
- 8 A This was -- was health risks associated with exposure to
- 9 asbestos in the textile industries was the subject of the
- 10 study.
- 11 Q And did McDonald break down his exposure analysis by the
- 12 jobs that existed within this textile factory?
- 13 A Yes. Yes, rather than assign one exposure level for the
- 14 entire industry, he broke it down. Actually, it was by -- as
- 15 you see on the left-hand side of the table is by departments,
- 16 and departments are groups of similar jobs -- and assigned
- 17 different exposures to these different groups of jobs.
- 18 Q And when you look at the individual jobs within this
- 19 textile industry study, do you see difference?
- 20 A Well, there are differences that are, you know -- well,
- 21 just looking at this, there's a factor of maybe 10 or 20 from
- 22 the highest to the lowest exposed job.
- 23 Q Now, for each department or job that Dr. McDonald is
- 24 presenting, how does he present the exposure data?
- 25 A Well, the -- it says it in the title there. It says,

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